

I do not know  
if I address  
you rightly - if  
not you must  
excuse my ignorance

Oct 10

Rev<sup>d</sup> Cambridge  
Octob 10<sup>th</sup>

Bills Vicars  
Bristol

an Dec 10 Sep. 8. 1876

My dear Sir,

I thank you very much for the  
papers on Yucca & Agave which you  
so kindly sent to me - they are very  
interesting - Of Agaves I only grow  
*A. Utahensis* & *A. brachystachya* - The first  
was not last winter & seems to be quite  
hardy - The second I had from the Berlin  
Garden this winter spring, & it has not  
yet been out a winter - but I shall  
test it this winter.

You say that you have never heard of  
some on my list of Yuccas - *Y. concava* is  
certainly the same as *Fredericiana* - but *Serru-*  
*-cylindrica* is different - It looks at-  
present like a narrow leaved form of  
*Y. recurva* - but my plant is young &  
the form may change - I had it from  
Mr. Walter Sanders - In its present  
stage it is an elegant plant, the leaves



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being a rich green - *G. Meldenius*  
is a var. of *filamentosa* - very like  
*flaccida*, but it has the peculiarity of  
having the secondary flower stems set  
almost at right angles to the main  
stem - which gives a very elegant appearance  
to the plant when in flower - As to *filamentosa*  
there are two very distinct ones which I  
do not quite reconcile with the description.  
The one is the ordinary *flaccida*, in which the  
flowers are campanulate (by day) & drooping  
& the bracts are persistent - In the other  
the bracts fall off before the flowers come -  
the flowers are crowded close to the main  
stem, giving the appearance of a thyrsus  
more than a panicle, and the flowers  
are always (day & night) open & stellate -  
This I have hitherto called *puberula*  
but I do not feel sure of it - W. Barker  
called it *richidea* (var. *richidea*) but I cannot  
reconcile it with the description - Of *G.*  
*argenteifolia* also I have certainly two vars.  
In the one the leaves are very rigid & spreading,  
of a yellowish green, & a very few short fibres.



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- In the other (sent to me by Professor  
Drumbar), the leaves are a dark green, with  
a distinct white edge, erect, & twisted, &  
more fibrous - The fruit is the form that has  
long been in cultivation in England - There are old  
plants yet at Chelsea & Oxford - I suppose  
by *alb.* - species to be also a form of *angustifolia* -  
In my plant (from Kew) the leaves are narrow  
& deeply channelled, & very recurved, almost  
revolute in the lower ones, & it is the most  
breeds of all - *G. Macraeana* is no doubt  
a form of *G. glauca*, but is very distinct &  
seems intermediate between *superba* & *recurva* -  
The leaves are long, & narrow, & the lower ones  
unmowed, & they are all more or less twisted -  
The flowers are like *superba* - the flower stem,  
& also the stems are a deep red - so is the bud,  
& when expanded the inner petals are a pure  
white - It flowers later in the autumn - Of  
*G. infr. cincta* I cannot say much - I  
doubt a plant, which must have been in this  
Garden for 40 years - but it has never  
flowered - not this & except the red edge  
to the leaves, it is very like *recurva* - This  
finishes by account of the more common  
*Gucca*, which I hope will not bore you -  
I cannot speak of *fontinalis* about



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the fruiting of my *Guarea* - On the first  
occurrence I took by little notice of it -  
On the second I sent the pods to Kew. & I  
have written to Hooker to ask him to send  
me the description sent with them & also  
seeds, if they had any - but I suppose he  
is taking his holiday, for I have not heard  
from him.

I grow a large collection of hard  
plants - I do not know whether you are  
a grower of plants as well as a student -  
but in the chance that you may be, I send  
you a catalogue of the forest - I am always  
ready to give away plants as far as time  
are divisible - and in this way we may be  
mutually useful to each other - There are  
hundreds of U. S. plants which we have  
seen & which I have not - and I may have  
one which you could not get any plant that you wish  
which I have - If you really wish a catalogue  
you see by your wish which I have, please  
send me as long a list as possible - that  
gives me a better chance of finding something  
acceptable - I thank you very much for the  
sends of *G. brevifolia* & apologize for the  
length of the letter. I am very respectfully

Aug. 11. Macomb

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Rec Cambridge Oct 13 76

Bith Vicaire. Sep 25.

Dear Sir, The enclosed came to you from Mr. Baker - & ✓  
found it at once. I am quite sure the plant that  
Baker was told of. filamentosa - & I feel almost sure  
that it was g. recurva - I do not want Mr. B's  
note again.

Yours very truly  
Thos. M. Macaulay

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Rec'd Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

Herbarium

from Mr. Elacombe

Elacombe

Sept. 22

1876

Dear Mr. Elacombe

I have been on  
walking tour in Scotland  
so have not been able  
to attend earlier to your  
note of Aug 20. Your *Juncea*  
seems to be *plamentosa*,  
The fruits are in spirit  
at the Museum there are  
some of the seeds which



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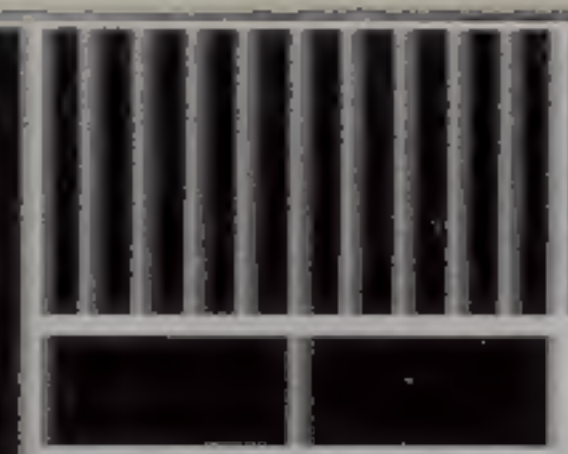
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Mr Jackson has extracted  
for me,

I will ask in the garden  
if they have his *utheana*  
but I am pretty sure  
not. I never saw living  
*laevis*. I am now  
busy making up a <sup>all</sup> *syn-*  
*onymic* catalogue of the  
genera of the order (*Didaceae*)

Yours very truly.

J. S. Baker,



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An. Dec 6<sup>1</sup>  
An. Dec 11<sup>1</sup>  
Philadelphia?

When described?  
by whom?

Wm. Britton  
Nov. 21

Dear Sir, I send you the enclosed,  
in the hope it may interest you, &  
at the same time show you how  
much your papers have interested me.

I hope you receive my garden  
catalogue - if ever I shall be  
glad to have it back again  
when you have done with it -

I am, Sir, very truly  
Yours,

Wm. B. Smith



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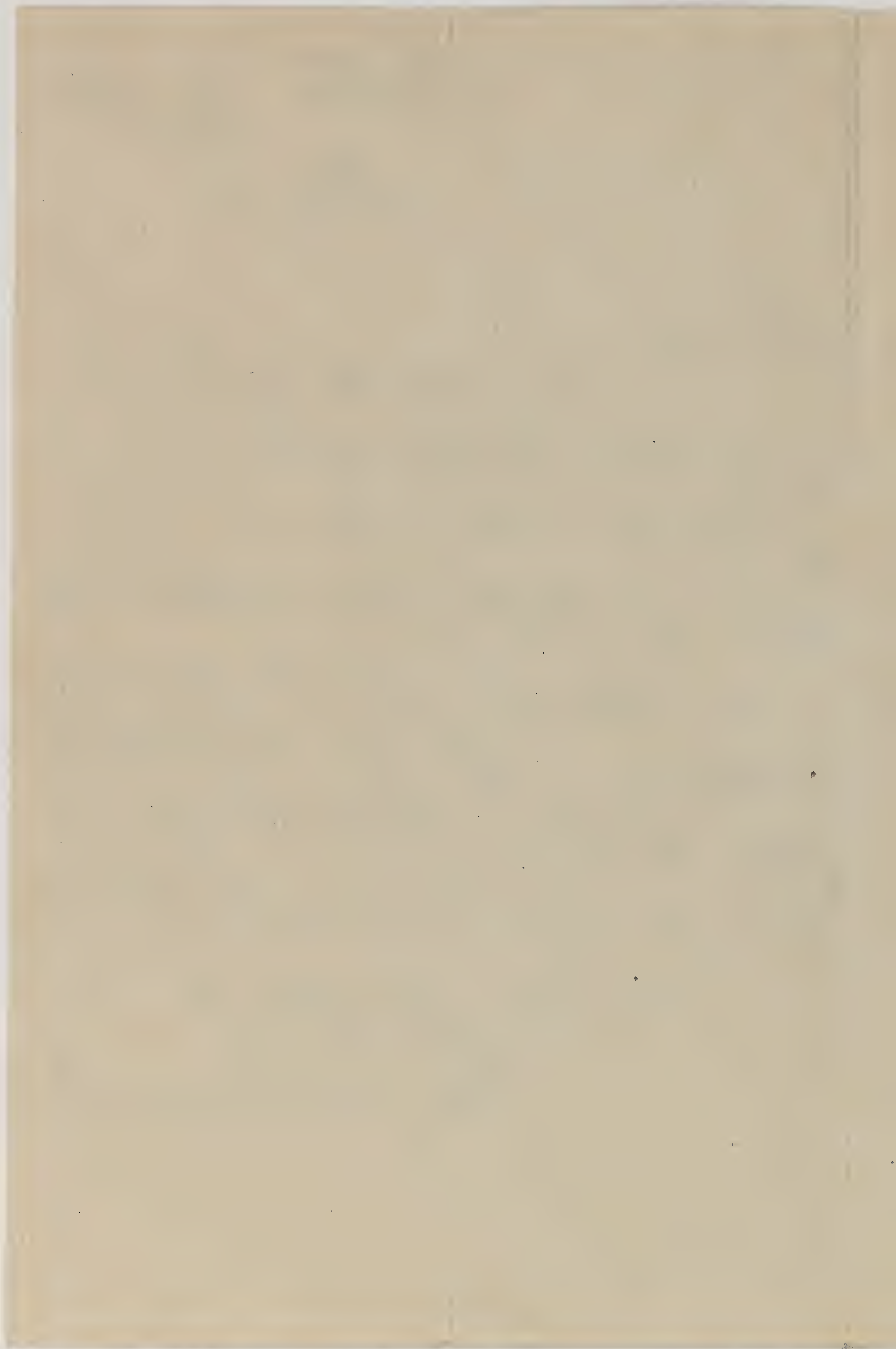
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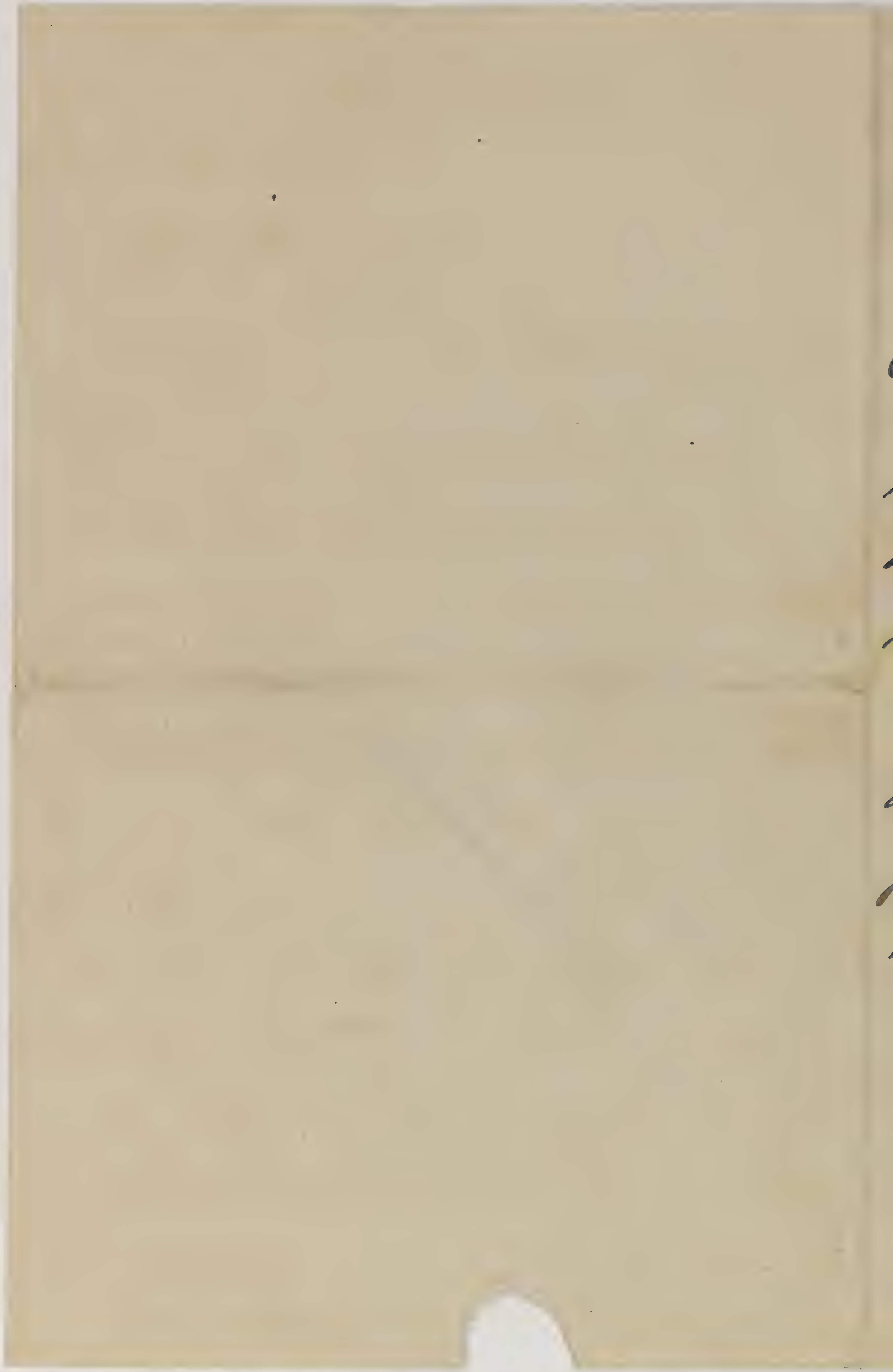
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Rec<sup>d</sup> Aug 15 '76 *Bitton Vicarage*  
the same day *Bitton Vicarage*  
*Bristol.*

July 29

My Aunt,

I have for several  
years been interested in  
Yuccas, which grow very  
well in my garden - I sent  
some flowers to W. Baker  
of Kew for identification &  
in a letter received from him  
this morning he refers me to  
a paper by you on the genus,  
advising me to ask for a  
copy - This morning I need  
not do - as I have a  
copy - kindly sent to me by  
Professor Thunberg - I believe



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know that you have  
once published a second  
paper or supplement - This  
I have not, & if you could  
kindly spare me a copy, I  
should feel much obliged.

It may interest <sup>you to know</sup> that the  
Yucca has found seed & food  
here more than once - The  
species has always been  
Y. recurvifolia - I cannot  
say whether it found  
perfect seed, as I sent  
them to Kew for the Herbarium.

You may be also interested  
to know what sort I saw -  
So I add a list - I am  
Yours very faithfully

Wm. J. Macbride

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Rec<sup>d</sup> Jan 11

Bottom - Dec. 26  
E - F

By drawing. But do not give yourself  
trouble about my catalogue - I hope  
if you do get it again I should  
be glad to have it - I sent it  
by the thinking that perhaps the Botanical  
Garden of S. Louis might like  
to exchange plants - even if you did  
not want it myself -

I was very vexed after the  
green *Trachypogon* was apparently  
in the seed? (I think) to find that  
I had omitted *periculosa* - *polyphylla* -  
*crinata* - *striatella* - & *plumosa* -  
I had it corrected before it appeared  
in the 'Garden' & I sent you a



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corrected slip - There are  
still some other names which  
you do not notice - but I have  
no doubt they are only *Sedum*  
*rosea* - or *Sedum* - *Californicum* -  
*canadense* - I can tell you nothing of  
the history of *Gucca* *plumosa* - I  
once had a good plant sent me  
from Flammery, but the frost  
winter killed it - It has been  
lately published both in the  
*Chamæd.* & the *Sedum* - & the  
writer asserts that it is not  
a *Gucca* at all!! - but he  
gives no authority for his  
bold statement -



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As for a I recollect, the  
seed pod or by guess was not  
sunk until at chance of it  
Jelly beta was at an end - Next  
year I shall try artificial  
infestation.

Very Dear

Yours faithfully

Wm. H. Macomber

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